DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 4,750.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR (*Chenganacherry* cum *Peermade*): In regard to part (*b*) of the question, may I know the actual amount that has been spent for maintenance?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: Rs. 697 and Rs. 954 against a grant of Rs. 840.

Bridge near Kumarakam Church.

167. ***MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR** (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the year in which the construction of the bridge was commenced near Kumarakam Church in the Kottayam-Kumarakam road;

(*b*) the progress made so far;

(*c*) the amount spent for the work already carried out;

(*d*) the estimated amount for the bridge; and

(*e*) the probable expense for the completion of the remaining portion of the work?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN (*a*) 1113 M. E.

(*b*) The most difficult portion of the work *viz.* foundation work of pile driving &c., has been completed.

(*c*) Rs. 10,178.

(*d*) Rs. 30,050—second revised estimate.

(*e*) Rs. 19,872— Do.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: With reference to the answer 'the most difficult portion of the work has been completed', may I know from the honourable member why it was not continued during the past seven years?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: I think we had better not dig into the past. I inspected the bridge and found number of piles inadepuate.

Restaurants and Hotels.

168. * **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any sort of control is exercised by the Trivandrum Corporation over the restaurants and hotels of the town;

(*b*) if so, what the nature of the control is;

(*c*) in how many instances has action been taken against those institutions; and

(*d*) whether questions connected with the cleanliness of the premises, the drinking cups and other vessels used in these institutions etc., come under the purview of the controlling powers of the Corporation?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. The restaurants and hotels in the Trivandrum City are subject to periodical inspection by the Health staff of the Corporation.

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(*b*) The proprietors of the restaurants and hotels are directed to keep the food materials clean and well protected, to have the cooking utensils, vessels, plates; cups, saucers etc., properly washed, to maintain the rooms and premises in a sanitary condition, and also to see to the proper disposal of wastes and refuse.

(*c*) Action was taken against the keepers of hotels and restaurants for not taking out license and for breach of sanitary rules, in 61 cases during 1120 till 25-10-1120.

(*d*) Yes.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA: May I know whether the question whether greater control is necessary in these institutions has been considered by the Corporation?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes. The Corporation is doing all that they can and they are sending out their health staff to these hotels for inspection.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI (*The Travancore Jenmies North*): May I know at what intervals these inspections are made?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Almost daily they go round.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether it is the opinion of the Government that the present system of control is satisfactory?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Government have no reason to think otherwise.

Appointment of Stationary Magistrates.

169. ***MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR** (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is the policy of the Government to promote Stationary Magistrates as Tahsildars;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) above is in the affirmative, the principle on which recruitment or promotion is made to the post of Stationary Magistrates; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that clerks who are on lower scales of pay are promoted as Stationary Magistrates from the Secretariat when there are clerks on higher scale of pay and senior in service in the Revenue Department?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) Yes, ordinarily.

(*b*) There is no hard and fast rule. Recruitment or promotion is made on the ground of qualification, experience and efficiency.

(*c*) Yes, sometimes.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: സർ, തഹശീൽദാരന്മാരുടെ നിയമനം നടക്കുന്നതു് സ്റ്റേഷനറി മജിസ്ട്രേട്ടന്മാരെ പ്രമോട്ട ചെയ്തിട്ടാകുന്നു. അങ്ങിനെയാണെങ്കിൽ ലാൻഡ് റവന്യൂ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലെ സീനിയർ ക്ലാർക്കന്മാരെ സ്റ്റേഷനറി മജിസ്ട്രേട്ടന്മാരായിട്ടു നിയമിക്കാത്തതു് എന്തുകൊണ്ടാണു്?

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